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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-06-19
August 30, 2006

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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 8, 2006, the Department issued Public Notice MT-06-19 stating the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. The Department is amending the Public Notice to extend the Public Comment period to September 12, 2006. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Decker Coal Company
PO Box 12
Decker MT 59025

FACILITY NAME: Decker East Mine

FACILITY LOCATION: T9S R41E, all or part of sections: 7, 8, 17,
18 and 19; and T9S R40 E, all or part of
sections: 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23 and 24,
Bighorn County, Montana

RECEIVING WATERS: Tongue River Reservoir

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0024210

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APPLICANT NAME: Decker Coal Company
PO Box 12
Decker MT 59025

FACILITY NAME: Decker West Mine

FACILITY LOCATION: T9S R40E, all or part of sections: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28; and T8S R40 E all or parts of sections: 27, 28, 29, 32 33 and 34, Bighorn County, Montana

RECEIVING WATERS: Tongue River Reservoir

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000892

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 12, 2006. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS September 12, 2006 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne McKittrick at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

A public hearing will be held on the draft wastewater discharge permits, fact sheets, environmental assessments, and the Department's tentative determinations at the Bicentennial Library located in Colstrip Montana on September 12, 2006, starting at 6:00pm.

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The administrative record, including the permit applications and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government. Persons needing an accommodation must notify Barb Gibson no later than September 5, 2006, to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You can call Barb at 444-3080 or write to her at the address noted to make your request known.

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